

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431 THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD AN OPEN MEETING IN THE SUPERVISORS' AUDITORIUM, 1400 EAST ASH STREET, GLOBE, ARIZONA. ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR BY INTERACTIVE TELEVISION VIDEO (ITV). **ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING VIA ITV WHICH IS HELD AT 610 E. HIGHWAY 260, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM, PAYSON, ARIZONA.** THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

WORK SESSION - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011- 10 A.M.

- 1 Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance
- 2 Information/Discussion of Land Exchange Classification project proposed by the Industrial Development Authority of Gila County. (**Fred Barcon**)
- 3 Information/Discussion of Gila County Board of Supervisors supporting the development of a race track at the Gila County Fairgrounds. (**Fred Barcon**)

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECEPTIONIST AT (928) 425-3231 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. FOR TTY, PLEASE DIAL 7-1-1 TO REACH THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE AND ASK THE OPERATOR TO CONNECT YOU TO (928) 425-3231.

THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.03(A)(3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

Work Session

Meeting Date: 11/08/2011

Submitted For: Fred Barcon, IDA President

Submitted By: Linda Rodriguez,
County Manager

Department: County Manager

Presenter's Name: Fred Barcon

Information**Request/Subject**

Land Exchange Classification Project Proposed by Industrial Development Authority.

Background Information

The Arizona Department of Transportation is looking favorably upon plans for a new extension of U.S. Highway 60 which will bypass the Town of Miami and the City of Globe. The economy of Globe-Miami benefits from the traffic and tourism that funnels through the area en route to Lake Roosevelt, White Mountains and beyond. The loss of traffic coming through the Globe-Miami area will have a crippling effect on the economy.

Evaluation

Globe-Miami relies on the exposure it gains from motorists traveling en route to their destination. Once the freeway extension of U.S. Highway 60 is complete and Globe-Miami is bypassed, it is difficult to imagine what will become of an already struggling economy.

It is imperative that an active role is taken to ensure that Globe-Miami will have an attractive freeway entrance drawing tourist to explore Globe-Miami. A request to the U.S. Forest Service for a Land Exchange Classification on the land north of the freeway must be done immediately. The process the Forest Service uses to classify a piece of land for exchange requires a minimum of three - five years. If the land is not classified for exchange, the Forest Service will refuse to exchange the land.

Conclusion

Timing is critical, a Land Exchange Classification for the land west of Miami and north of the ADOT proposed U.S. 60 extension must be secured immediately.

Recommendation

The Industrial Development Authority Board recommends that the Gila County Board of Supervisors pursue the important task of securing a Land Exchange Classification on the land west of Miami, north of the U.S. 60 extension.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion of Land Exchange Classification project proposed by the Industrial Development Authority of Gila County. (**Fred Barcon**)

Attachments

IDA's Staff Report for 11/8 Item 2

IDA Land Exchange Letter

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF GILA, ARIZONA
P.O. Box 127
Claypool, AZ 85532

Fred Barcón, President
William Long, Vice President
Mark Marcanti, Secretary/Treasurer

William A. Byrne, Member
Gerald Kohlbeck, Member
Cliff Potts, Member
Ray Pugel, Member

October 18, 2011

Standard Staff Report

Request/Subject:

To request County involvement in a land exchange for property west of Miami and north of the new ADOT Highway (Six Shooter & Ice House Canyon area).

Background Information:

The Arizona Department of Transportation is looking favorably upon plans for a new extension of US Highway 60 which will bypass the Town of Miami and the City of Globe. The economy of Globe-Miami benefits from the traffic and tourism that funnels through the area en route to Lake Roosevelt, White Mountains, and beyond. The loss of traffic coming through the Globe-Miami area will have a crippling effect on the economy.

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Conclusion:

Timing is critical, a Land Exchange Classification for the land west of Miami and north of the ADOT proposed US 60 extension must be secured immediately.

Recommendation:

The Board Members of the Industrial Development Authority recommend the Board of Supervisors pursue the important task of securing a Land Exchange Classification on the land west of Miami, north of the US 60 extension.

Suggested Motion:

Information/Discussion/Action

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October 27, 2011

Gila County Board of Supervisors:

Please accept this communication from the Industrial Development Authority Board as a recommendation to timely consider and address an issue that we feel will be of paramount importance in the next few years.

We have all been aware of ADOT's projection of state and federal highway changes that are slated to take place in the near future.

We also recognize that the county government has been active in making their transition as favorable for Globe-Miami as it can be. Mr. Steve Stratton conveyed that important meetings had taken place between the parties, and that Gila County's two primary concerns were stated, recognized and somewhat agreed upon by the state highway planners—that being visibility and adequate on-off exit ramps (5 to 6 for Globe-Miami).

Further, as a result of the meeting with Steve Stratton we found out the D-3 proposed route is currently the favorite. It would or could easily meet the two main concerns listed.

As a Board charged with development and growth possibilities for Gila County we would like to add a third concern that, due to the complicated nature of a favorable resolution and lengthy time line, we feel we should be diligently pursuing immediately. That is: classification and the large land owner's properties into a form that clearly would make the lands available to private industry for development. The current favored route, D-3, would primarily cross BHP, some Freeport, and USFS lands in the Highway 77 junction area. The forest lands north of the proposed route need to be exchange ready.

We seek an immediate plan and commitment from the aforementioned land owners to continue to allow our communities and county to grow and prosper.

If the Superior "bottleneck" is resolved and the Silver King or Superior re-route is accomplished the Globe-Miami bypass will quickly fall into place.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gila County Industrial Development Authority

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Work Session

Meeting Date: 11/08/2011

Submitted For: Fred Baron, IDA President

Submitted By: Linda Rodriguez,
County Manager

Department: County Manager

Presenter's Name: Fred Bacon

Information**Request/Subject**

Supervisors' support of Industrial Development Authority of Gila County Proposed Race Track Development at the Gila County Fairgrounds.

Background Information

Several years ago, the Gila County Board of Supervisors were in favor of building a race track at the Gila County Fairgrounds. The plans and strategies started off well and then morphed into an unfordable project that was pushed aside.

The Industrial Development Authority of Gila County and the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation have reviewed and discussed the plans and feasibility studies for the race track. Both groups believe bringing an affordable race track to Gila County is possible.

Evaluation

The fan base for stock car racing has grown exponentially over the past 10 years. With increased national exposure and the move of stock car racing to the mainstream, the demographics have also changed significantly. Stock car racing has a fan base spanning age groups from 5 to 65 with female fans almost equal to male fans.

Conclusion

With the right plan in place, developing an affordable race track at the Gila County Fairgrounds is possible. A race track will bring much needed tourism to the Globe-Miami area, and will boost the economy of Gila County.

Recommendation

The Industrial Development Authority of Gila County, the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation, and the Fair and Racing Commission of Gila County request support for the development of a race track at the Gila County Fairgrounds.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion of Gila County Board of Supervisors supporting the development of a race track at the Gila County Fairgrounds. (**Fred Barcon**)

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IDA's Staff Report for 11/8 Item 3

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October 18, 2011

Standard Staff Report

Request/Subject:

To request the Supervisor's support of a proposed race track to be developed as part of the Gila County Fairgrounds located approximately 5 miles east of Globe on US 60.

Background Information:

Several years ago the Board of Supervisors were in favor of building a race track at the Gila County Fairgrounds. The plans and strategies started off well then morphed into an unaffordable project that was pushed to the wayside. The Industrial Development Authority of Gila County and the Southern Gila County Economic Development Corporation have reviewed and discussed the plans and feasibility studies for the race track. Both groups believe bringing an affordable race track to Gila County is possible.

Evaluation:

The fan base for stock car racing has grown exponentially over the past 10 years. With increased national exposure and the move of stock car racing to the mainstream, the demographics have also changed significantly. Stock car racing has a fan base spanning age groups from 5 to 65 with female fans almost equal to male fans.

The economic viability of operating a racetrack and the benefits to the locality where it is located has improved over the last 10 years. Phoenix International Raceway officials estimate their fans spend \$220 million every year. On a smaller scale, a race track near Hibbing, Minnesota is estimated to have an annual economic impact of \$2.6 million. While the direct economic impacts of a race track can be impressive, there are also secondary impacts. Race tracks offer the potential for increasing tourism and economic development. In addition, special events related to race tracks add to opportunities for attracting visitors and revenues.

Conclusion:

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Suggested Motion:

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